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**Richard J. Arcara**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: St Bonaventure 1962 BA; Villanova 1965 JD  
Began Service: June 1, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Lecturer, State University of New York at Buffalo

**Government:** Attorney, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1969-1981); District Attorney, State of New York (1982-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Schuller & James (1968-1969)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1966-1967)

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**David G. Larimer**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: St John Fisher 1966 BA; Notre Dame 1969 JD  
Began Service: November 8, 1987  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor of Real Estate, St. John Fisher College (1978-1981)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Joseph C. McGarraghy (1969-1970)

**Chambers of District Judge David G. Larimer** *continued*

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of New York, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1970-1975); Chief Appellate Law Assistant, Appellate Division, United States Supreme Court (1979-1981); Personal Law Assistant, Appellate Division, United States Supreme Court (1982)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States Court for the Western District of New York (1983-1987); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of New York

**Legal Practice:** Beckerman, Davidson, Cook & Fink (1975-1978); Lapine & Larimer (1978-1979); Greisberger, Zicari, McConville, Cooman & Morin (1982-1984)

**Current Memberships:** The District of Columbia Bar Association; Monroe County Bar Association (NY); The New York State Bar Association

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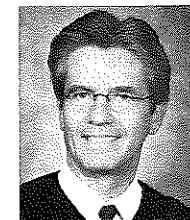
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**William M. Skretny**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Canisius 1966 AB;  
Howard U 1969 JD; Northwestern 1972 LLM  
Began Service: October 1, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican



**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1971-1973); First Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of New York, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1975-1980); First Deputy District Attorney, County of Erie, New York (1983-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Duke, Holzman, Yaeger & Radlin (1981-1983); Counsel, Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan, P.C. (1988-1989); Counsel, Cox Barrell (1989-1990)

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**Charles J. Siragusa**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Le Moyne 1969 BA; Albany Law 1976 JD  
Began Service: December 15, 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Teacher, St. James School (1969-1973)

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, County of Monroe, New York (1977-1984); First Assistant District Attorney, County of Monroe, New York (1984-1992)

**Judicial:** Justice, New York Supreme Court, Seventh Judicial District (1993-1997)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Monroe County Bar Association (NY)

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**John T. Curtin**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1921  
Education: Canisius 1946 BS; SUNY (Buffalo) 1949 LLB  
Began Service: December 23, 1967  
Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** United States Attorney, Western District of New York, United States Department of Justice (1961-1967)

**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner (1949-1961)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps Reserve (1942-1945); United States Marine Corps Reserve (1952-1954)

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**Michael A. Telesca**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Rochester 1952 AB; SUNY (Buffalo) 1955 JD  
Began Service: 1982  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Affiliation:** Senior Judge (R), Alien Terrorist Removal Court

**Judicial:** Judge, Surrogate Court, Monroe County (1973-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Lamb, Webster, Walz & Telesca (1957-1973)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1955-1957)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; The Justinian Society of Jurists; Monroe County Bar Association (NY); The New York State Bar Association

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**Hugh B. Scott**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
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Began Service: June 1995  
Term Expires: June 2011

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**Jonathan W. Feldman**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Cornell 1978 BA; Syracuse 1981 JD  
Began Service: November 1995  
Term Expires: November 2011

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Michael A. Telesca, United States District Court for the Western District of New York

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